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REMARKS

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1. Weather was fair and there was flying with single-engine ground attack aircraft at the Schoenwalde (L 53/Z 66) airfield on 7 April 1950.

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Some planes had tube-like bodies under the left wing. All planes had a searchlight on the outboard side of the weapon in the left wing. It was noticed that some ground attack aircraft had a streamline-shaped under-wing cowling into which the wheels of the landing gear could be retracted. This bomblike cowling did not extend as far as the trailing edge of the wings. Trucks [] drove to the field.*

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2. Twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly made local flights on 8 April 1950. Trucks [] were seen at the field.

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3. A local resident said on 16 April 1950 that most of the air force dependents had left the settlement and that the entire settlement was to be evacuated by 1 May 1950.** Six large new boxes stood in front of an apartment in the settlement. Trucks [] drove to the field.

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4. On 18 April 1950 about forty single low-wing mono-planes with red propeller hubs were parked south of the hangars. Fourteen aircraft of the same type were in the eastern section of the field. Four biplanes circled the field. About ten railroad tank cars stood near a hangar.

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Soldiers wearing black-bordered, blue epaulets and red-bordered, black epaulets were seen in the barracks area of the field. Trucks [redacted] drove to the field.

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* [redacted] Comment. The report confirms the previously assumed occupation of the airfield by a ground attack regiment, and twin-engine aircraft presumably belonging to a training regiment of the III Bvr Corps. The description of the ground attack aircraft indicates that IL-2s and IL-10s are stationed at the field.

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** [redacted] Comment. Confirmation of the shipment of Soviet dependents.

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